

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment employing a memory member having a solid-state storage element as a recording medium, the electronic equipment comprising:

a main body unit for recording information on said memory member having said solid-state storage element;

a memory holder provided on said main body unit and having a terminal section for connection to a terminal of said memory member, said memory holder being adapted for detachably holding said memory member;

a holder container formed on an outer periphery of said main body unit for accommodating the memory holder therein;

[[and]]

a holder operating mechanism for causing movement of said memory holder between a loading/unloading position enabling loading/unloading of said memory member and a housing position for housing said memory holder in said holder container in a manner such as not to permit loading/unloading of said memory member, wherein

said memory holder includes a locking mechanism for maintaining an electrical contact between said memory member loaded in said memory holder and said terminal section when said memory holder is moved from said housing position to said

loading/unloading position, and

 said locking mechanism is adapted to enable said loading/unloading of said memory member from said memory holder by applying a release force thereon, and

 when said release force is applied to said locking mechanism, said electrical contact between said memory member and said terminal section is disconnected[.]; and

detection means for detecting whether said memory holder has been moved from the holder container.

Claims 2-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1 wherein said main body unit includes a cartridge holder for loadably/unloadably holding a recording medium cartridge carrying an information recording medium, said main body unit having an opening for causing the cartridge holder to face outwards and a lid for opening/closing said opening, said memory holder and the holder container being mounted on said lid.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1 wherein said holder container is formed at a mid portion on the outer peripheral surface of said main body unit.

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) [[The]] An electronic equipment according to claim 5 further comprising employing a memory member having a solid-state storage element as a recording medium, the electronic equipment comprising:

a main body unit for recording information on said memory member having said solid-state storage element;

a memory holder provided on said main body unit and having a terminal section for connection to a terminal of said memory member, said memory holder being adapted for detachably holding said memory member;

a holder container formed on an outer periphery of said main body unit for accommodating the memory holder therein;

a holder operating mechanism for causing movement of said memory holder between a loading/unloading position enabling loading/unloading of said memory member and a housing position for housing said memory holder in said holder container in a manner such as not to permit loading/unloading of said memory member, wherein

said memory holder includes a locking mechanism for maintaining an electrical contact between said memory member loaded in said memory holder and said terminal section when said memory holder is moved from said housing position to said

loading/unloading position, and

said locking mechanism is adapted to enable said
loading/unloading of said memory member from said memory
holder by applying a release force thereon, and

when said release force is applied to said locking
mechanism, said electrical contact between said memory member
and said terminal section is disconnected, wherein

said main body unit includes a cartridge holder for
loadably/unloadably holding a recording medium cartridge
carrying an information recording medium, said main body
unit having an opening for causing the cartridge holder to
face outwards and a lid for opening/closing said opening, said
memory holder and the holder container being mounted on said
lid; and

means for rotationally mounting said lid on said main body unit of the equipment and wherein said memory holder is rotationally mounted relative to said lid.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 5 wherein said holder operating mechanism includes a lock member for restricting movement of said memory holder and a restriction-removing operating member for removing movement restrictions imposed by said lock member and wherein said restriction-removing operating member of said holder operating mechanism is provided on said lid.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1 wherein a major surface facing an exterior of the memory holder is formed substantially as a continuation to the outer periphery of said main body unit.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1 further comprising a window formed in said memory holder for visually checking a presence of the memory member held in said memory holder.